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Edward Antill, a merchant of New York city in the seventeenth century, never held an office, and never sought one. Nevertheless, the sketch of this private citizen, herewith given, and gleaned from many sources, presents an interesting glimpse of political, commercial and social conditions in the little metropolis two hundred years ago. His dealings in New Jersey real estate incidentally throw light on the progress of that Province during the same period.

There is a glamour of romance over the fact that the fortune of Edward Antill, 2d, originally gained in the suspected and much maligned Madagascar trade, was bestowed upon him by a grateful client of his father's, and was finally dispensed in bucolic enjoyment on the peaceful banks of the Raritan.

In the third generation we find one son giving his life and another his sword in the cause of American Independence, while a third son wielded his blade against his brothers, and under the banner of his king.

For particulars of the descendants of Lieutenant Colonel Edward Antill, 3d, thanks are due to John F. Seymour, of Marquette, Wisconsin, and to William H. Edwards, of Coalburgh, West Virginia.

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# EDWARD ANTILL

and Some of His Descendants.

BY WILLIAM NELSON.

Edward Antill, a prominent merchant in New York city in the latter part of the seventeenth century, came from Richmond, Surrey, England.<sup>1</sup> In his will (hereinafter cited), dated June 10, 1704, he gives his age as forty-five, indicating that he was born in 1659. The first mention we find of him in the public records is in the report made in the winter of 1681-2, on the investigation regarding the management of affairs in New York by Sir Edmund Andros, the Governor appointed by the Duke of York. It was alleged that Andros had given "directions to one ffalkin who is head Searcher" [at the custom house] "not to be too strict what goods came to ffrederick Phillips but to be very strict in searching what goods came to Pinhorn & Robinson & to give them all y<sup>e</sup> obstructions he could in y<sup>e</sup> entryes. All the proof to make out this was M<sup>r</sup> Robinson & one Edw: Antill who said that ffilkin told them that the Governor had given such order." It was also reported that "M<sup>r</sup> Antill says that in June 1678 Capt Cartret [Governor of New Jersey] was tryed for a Royot & one Jackson a Juryman occasionally speaking to the Govern<sup>r</sup> said that he hoped they had the same Privileges as the other Plantations, The Govern<sup>r</sup> answered that their Privileges hung on a slender thread & that he was

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<sup>1</sup> Antill Family Record, copied by John L. Sibley, A. M., of Cambridge, Mass. Aug. 11, 1861, at Montreal, Canada, from the family Bible of Mrs. Judge Aylwin, who was a granddaughter of Edward Antill, 3d, and published in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, XIX., 1865, pp. 165-166.



chidden for giving them such liberties." Another charge was "That sev<sup>l</sup> ffines w<sup>ch</sup> were imposed upon sev<sup>l</sup> persons & ought to come to his Roy<sup>l</sup> Highness were directed to be employed towards building of a Church & that Sr Ed<sup>m</sup>: Andross had 200<sup>li</sup> in his hands, & M<sup>r</sup> Antill said he heard the Governo<sup>r</sup> owned that he had about 200<sup>li</sup> thereof."<sup>1</sup> These citations would seem to indicate that Antill was a young man of unusual prominence for one of his age at this time. He is mentioned in 1682 as being on a voyage from New York to Maryland.<sup>2</sup> In 1683 he was appointed with such eminent citizens as Anthony Brockholls, Matthias Nicolls and Stephen Van Courtlandt, to inspect and catalogue the papers in the New York Secretary's office.<sup>3</sup> He was admitted as a freeman of the city of New York, Oct. 12, 1683, a privilege of much value.<sup>4</sup>

One Nicholas Clough, master of the ship *Cameleon*, of London, having been indicted, with his crew, by the Court of Admiralty, for conspiracy to defraud the owners of said vessel, Gov. Thomas Dongan on Sept. 29, 1683, appointed Edward Antill to convey the ship to London and deliver her and Capt. Clough to the owners.<sup>5</sup> His extensive mercantile ventures are indicated by some litigation in which he was concerned in 1686. On July 5 the brigantine *Pensylvania* was ordered to be attached, to answer a claim of his. Two days later he petitioned for and was given leave "to sell some perishable goods, consigned by Roger Jackson, of the island of Jamaica, to Richard Phillips, of New York, for the benefit of said Jackson." In September, he exhibited a libel against Michael Vaughton, master of the ketch *Adventure*.<sup>6</sup> In this same year 1686 he bought a

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Col. Docs., III., 314-315.

<sup>2</sup> Ib., XIII., 342.

<sup>3</sup> Calendar N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 152.

<sup>4</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1885, p. 53.

<sup>5</sup> Calendar N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 153, 156, 157.

<sup>6</sup> Ib., 123, 145, 158-9.

tract of eighty acres of land on Staten Island, "near the Fresh Kill," which he sold in 1694.<sup>1</sup> While engaged in the Jamaica and New Foundland trade, in 1686, it was alleged that Governor Dongan was improperly associated with him in business, which, however, the Governor denied. Mr. Antill sued the author of the story, Lucas Santen, for libel, but not until he had sent several to him to let him know that he (Antill) "would bee satisfied with an acknowledgment that hee had done him wrong in speaking those scandalous words, & that it was the effects of drink."<sup>2</sup>

In the year 1686 he became interested in New Jersey lands, adding to his purchases from time to time until his possessions were very extensive. By deed dated Nov. 20, 1686, Donald Mcquirick of Murderer's Hill,<sup>3</sup> Orange county, gentleman, and David Toshack, of Monibaird,<sup>4</sup> Esq., conveyed to Edward Antill, of the city of New York, merchant, one fourth of the Propriety (one twenty-fourth) in East Jersey, which had belonged to James, Earl of Perth.<sup>5</sup> By deed dated March 11, 1686 (1687, N. S.), Antill assigns to Jacob Millborne, of New York, merchant, 1,000 acres of this purchase, and recites the chain of title thus: Grant of East Jersey and division between the twenty-four Proprietors; James, Earl of Perth, by deeds of lease and release, dated March 27-28, 1684, conveyed to David Toshack of Moneybaird in the Kingdom of Scotland in fee one-fourth part of his twenty-fourth part; also one-fourth of his twenty-fourth of the joint stock in goods and effects of the value of £1,200 employed or to be employed

<sup>1</sup> *Ib.*, 143, 243; Cal. N. Y. Land Papers, 42.

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. Col. Docs., III., 407-8, 413, 493.

<sup>3</sup> An error, for Murderer's Kill; i. e., creek, or river.

<sup>4</sup> This individual's identity puzzled the late William A. Whitehead not a little. — *East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments*, 1st ed., p. 127; 2d ed., p. 170. He is also spoken of as Moneybaird, or Moneyweard, "Partner with James, Earl of Perth, and Sir George McKensie, of Torbutt, and proxy for them." — *N. J. Archives*, I., 460.

<sup>5</sup> East Jersey Deeds, Liber B, f. 17.

to the use, benefit and improvement of the said Province of East Jersey; the said David Toshack, by lease and release dated July 15-16, 1685, conveyed to David Mudy, of Amboy Perth, all said one-fourth of a twenty-fourth interest in East Jersey; Mudie mortgaged the same to Donald Mcquiwirck, July 22, 1685, to secure the payment of £300; by deed dated November 20, 1686 (cited above), between Donald Mcquiwirck of the first part, David Toshack of the second part, and Edward Antill of the third part, Mcquiwirck and Toshack conveyed to said Antill one-fourth of a twenty-fourth, except one-fifth of said one-fourth of a twenty-fourth, released by Mcquiwirck to William Lawrence of Middletown.<sup>1</sup> By patent dated October 23, 1697, the Proprietors of East Jersey conveyed to Mrs. Marie Milburne, widow of Jacob Milburne, late of the city of New York, deceased, in the right of Edward Antill, of the same place, gentleman, being part of that share of a Propriety purchased by said Edward Antill from David Toshack late of Minnevarre, deceased, all that one thousand acres of land in the county of Bergen running in length northwest from Hudson's river to Overpeck creek, and one mile in breadth northeast from the line of lands conveyed to Samuel Edsall.<sup>2</sup>

By deed dated Sept. 3, 1686, Thomas Matthews, mariner, conveyed to Edward Antill, gentleman, Lot No. 11, on Raritan river, between Richard Jones and John Inians.<sup>3</sup> The Proprietors of East Jersey, by patent dated Dec. 20, 1686, conveyed to Edward Antill, of New York, in consideration of Capt. Thomas Matthews' interest, a lot on the south side of the Raritan river, containing 400 acres, known by the name of Matthews' Lot, 25.25x160 chains in area.<sup>4</sup> By

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<sup>1</sup> East Jersey Deeds, Liber B, f. 72.

<sup>2</sup> E. J. Deeds, F. f. 546.

<sup>3</sup> E. J. Deeds, B. 26.

<sup>4</sup> E. J. Deeds, B. 28.

deed dated March 12, 1686-7, Edward Antill, of the city of New York, merchant, conveyed to Richard Jones, of the same place, merchant, for £25 New York money, this Matthews Lot, as it was called.<sup>1</sup> This tract was in or near the present city of New Brunswick, N. J.

In 1688 Antill and George Willocks (one of the East Jersey Proprietors) are said to have acquired a tract of land at Raritan Landing, New Jersey.<sup>2</sup> Perhaps this was the Matthews Lot.

The assignment made by Antill, March 11, 1686-7, of 1,000 acres, to Jacob Millborne (son-in-law of Jacob Leisler), indicates a certain degree of business interests in common between these men. In the Revolution of 1688, when the over-zealous Leisler assumed the government of New York, he appointed Edward Antill a member of his Council. The latter soon lost favor with the acting Governor, and siding with his own friends, Anthony Brockholls and Nicholas Bayard, he was obliged to flee from the city to escape arrest, and one of his vessels was robbed of four guns by the Leisler government.<sup>3</sup> He seems to have had a long memory for his losses, as in April, 1695, he appeared with others before the British House of Lords to oppose the bill reversing the attainder of Leisler and his associates.<sup>4</sup>

Margaret Windor, widow of Samuel Windor, deceased, "now of the city of New York," executed a bond, sealed at New York, March 29, 1690, to Edward Antill, of the city of New York, gentleman, in the penal sum of £135, current money of the city of New York, conditioned to pay £67 3s. 8d., current money of New York, on or before Dec. 30 next ensuing. Witnessed by Benjamin Griffith, Robert Darkins and Miles Forster. Antill assigned the

<sup>1</sup> E. J. Deeds, B, 64.

<sup>2</sup> N. J. Archives, II., 32.

<sup>3</sup> N. Y. Doc. Hist., II., 41; Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., 193, 300, 302.

<sup>4</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Collections, 1868, pp. 348, 355.

bond, Jan. 11, 1691, to Lawrence Read, merchant, of the city of New York, attorney unto Samuel Smith, Esq., of the Island of Barbadoes. Witness, Tho: Clarke.<sup>1</sup>

Antill's intimacy with another prominent family is shown by the next transaction. By deed dated Feb. 6, 1691-2, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Townley, of Elizabethtown, N. J., and Elizabeth his wife, conveyed to Edward Antill all the lands, plantations, messuages and houses which were given to said Elizabeth by her former husband, Philip Carteret, Esq., late Governor of said Province of New Jersey, in his last will and testament. By deed dated same day, Antill conveyed the same to Lieutenant Colonel Richard Townley.<sup>2</sup>

Antill conveyed to John Johnston, of Monmouth, gentleman, March 16, 1691, a tract of 500 acres on Hope river, Monmouth County, which the former had bought of David Mudie, late of Amboy Perth, but at the date of this deed of New York, merchant.<sup>3</sup>

Besides dealing in the legitimate objects of trade with the West Indies he appears occasionally to have picked up an Indian woman or lad, to sell into slavery. For example, he and Joseph Smith bought an Indian boy named Wainca, from Samuel Bayard, but who was afterwards taken in charge by the city authorities of New York, he being free born and a subject of the States of Holland. Messrs. Antill and Smith therefore prayed, April 19, 1699, that Bayard might be enjoined from suing them on a bond which they had given him for the purchase of the boy.<sup>4</sup> The Mayor and Aldermen of the city again intervened, Dec. 28, 1700, demanding "the release of a free born Indian woman, native of Curacao, now held as a slave, by Edward Antill."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. County Deeds, Liber No. 18, ff. 175-176.

<sup>2</sup> E. J. Deeds, D, 312, 317.

<sup>3</sup> E. J. Deeds, D. 330.

<sup>4</sup> Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 268.

<sup>5</sup> *Ib.*, 279.



He was threatened with a suit (with others) by John Marsh, April 5, 1699, for false imprisonment. Marsh was an inventor, who sought aid in 1693, to build "a small vessel that shall sail faster than all others," and in 1712 asked for a patent for a mill he had invented, for an improved method of dressing flax and hemp. His suit against Antill does not appear to have been brought to issue.<sup>1</sup>

The confidence reposed in Antill by those who knew him is attested by various records. Letters of administration were granted to him by the Governor and Proprietors of East Jersey, June 3, 1697, on the estate of Captain Thomas Graswell, late of Middletown, Monmouth County, deceased.<sup>2</sup> Samuel Cranston and Robert Little, both of the town of Newport, Rhode Island, attorneys of Gilbert Ramsey, of ye parish of X church, in the Island of Barbadoes, Clarke,<sup>3</sup> and Ann, his wife, Executors of the last will of John Dorne, late of Barbadoes, merchant, her former husband, deceased, appoint their trusty and well beloved friend Edward Antill, of the city of New York, their attorney, Sept. 17, 1698. Witnesses—Joh: Guest, Adam More. Acknowledged by the honored Governor Major Samuel Cranston and Robert Little, before John Green, Dept. Governor, Newport.<sup>4</sup> Edward Taylor, of New York, in a codicil to his will, dated Sept. 6, 1701, names Edward Antill as a contingent legatee of his estate, and also as an executor of his will and a guardian of his children.<sup>5</sup> Nicholas Roberts, of Boston, merchant, for himself and his partner, John Shippin, gives a power of attorney to Edward Antill, of New York, Esq., Feb. 23, 1702-3<sup>6</sup> Francis

<sup>1</sup> Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 234, 267, 408.

<sup>2</sup> E. J. Deeds, F, 357.

<sup>3</sup> That is, clerk, clericus, clergyman.

<sup>4</sup> N. Y. County Deeds, Liber No. 21. f. 321.

<sup>5</sup> Calendar of Wills (at Albany), p. 381.

<sup>6</sup> N. Y. County Deeds. Liber No. 25. f. 118.

Chappell, of the city of New York, mariner, gives a power of attorney to Edward Antill, of the same place, gentleman. Witnesses—Geo. Bangan and Walter Chambers. Proved before William Peartree, Mayor, Feb. 18, 1703-4.<sup>1</sup>

He figures in a new capacity in 1699, namely, as a lawyer. Judgment having been given by Gov. Fletcher and Council against the widow of Thomas Wandall, in an action of ejectment, brought by one Alsop, the judgment was reversed by Gov. Thomas Dongan and his Council, in January, 1699. Mr. Antill, as counsel for Alsop, asked for an appeal to England, which was refused.<sup>2</sup>

The next mention of him as an attorney brings to mind the extraordinary story of that craze which in the last two or three years of the seventeenth century engaged not only the most reputable merchants of New York, but members of the English Cabinet, and even the King himself, in the quest for sudden riches in the Arabian Gulf, by preying on the pirates who infested those waters. The King, by the advice of the Earl Bellomont, Governor of New York, who was urged to the step by Robert Livingston, took a tenth interest in the vessel commanded by Capt. William Kidd, who was sent out to suppress the pirates, but who was subsequently hanged in London as the worst pirate of all. It was broadly hinted at the time that there was more politics than justice in the hanging of Kidd. A contemporary of Kidd was Giles Shelly, master of the ship *Nassau*, who sailed for Madagascar in June, 1698. Stephen de Lancey and other prominent merchants of New York and London were interested in the venture. Lord Bellomont was at odds with some of the owners, and did not hesitate to class Shelly as a pirate, though with slim foundation, judging by his own statements. "I am told," he writes, July 22, 1699, "this Shelly sold rum which cost but 2s per gallon

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<sup>1</sup> N. Y. County Deeds, Liber No. 25, f. 178.

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. Col. Docs., IV., 550, 556.

at New York, for 50 shillings and £3 p<sup>r</sup> gallon at Madagasca, and a pipe of Madera Wine which cost him £19 he sold there for £300." He returned in May, 1699, and touching at Cape May landed "fourteen men who had been upon piratical voyages in the East Indies, and put some others on board a New York sloop . . . . to be landed and dispersed in other places as they found opportunity." Forty or fifty others he landed in Pennsylvania. It was suspected—nay, believed, at least by Lord Bellomont, and by Governor Basse, of New Jersey—that many, if not most of the men thus surreptitiously landed, had served under Captain Kidd, and that they paid Shelly "12000 pieces of Eight, and 3000 Lion dollars, nominally as passage money for twenty-nine men to America." Having landed and secured all his goods and money he ran his ship ashore near New York, and then came to the city, where he "so flushed them with Arabian Gold and East India goods that they set the government at defiance." The Governor ordered Shelly to be committed without bail, for piracy. The Council was advised in the morning by Attorney General Graham that this could be lawfully done. In the afternoon, however, he took a contrary stand, and Shelly was admitted to bail, the bond being drawn by Edward Antill, his counsel, and in such a way as to outwit the Attorney General. Lord Bellomont did not hesitate to declare: "There's a violent presumption that M<sup>r</sup> Graham was brib'd by Shelly and so contrived his escape." It was reported that the New York merchants had cleared £30,000 by Shelly's voyage from Madagascar. Despite Lord Bellomont's hostility, the successful captain was in later years counted among the most reputable merchants in New York.<sup>1</sup> It is pleasant to know that Shelly was duly grateful to Antill for having undoubtedly saved

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<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Col. Docs., IV., 128, 138, 179-180, 532, 542, 551, 552, 584, 812, 1135; Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 271.

his life. The interesting form in which his gratitude was manifested we shall presently see.

While foreclosing a mortgage in Philadelphia, in 1700, Edward Antill and his mortgagor, Gil Wheeler, were ordered by the Governor and Council of Pennsylvania to compromise.<sup>1</sup> Writing from Pennsberry, 3d 7th mo., 1700, to his friend James Logan, William Penn says: "I think to be in town the first fair day, and so let Edward Anthill know."<sup>2</sup> Query: Was this Philadelphia Antill or Anthill the New York man? In all probability, yes.

His name is appended as witness to the indenture of John Packer, Jun<sup>r</sup>, of the city of New York, bricklayer, as an apprentice to Brandt Schuyler, of said city, merchant, Feb. 5, 1701.<sup>3</sup>

He was one of the forty-one freeholders or freemen of the South Ward of the city of New York, who in that most exciting election held on September 29, 1701, for the election of an Alderman for that Ward, supported Brandt Schuyler for the office, as against Nicholas Roosevelt. The former was declared successful, by a vote of 53 to 37, so restricted was the suffrage.<sup>4</sup> Roosevelt contested, but the Supreme Court decided in favor of Schuyler. It was an outcome of the old Leisler and anti-Leisler faction fight, in which the latter won.<sup>5</sup>

The last mention we find of Antill as an attorney is under date of June 29, 1702, when Capt. Samuel Vetch files an answer "to the petition of Edward Antill, attorney to John Savine, late of the City of New York, merchant, in regard to a claim for a sloop."<sup>6</sup>

Antill was one of the East Jersey Proprietors who signed

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<sup>1</sup> Penn. Col Records, I., 588.

<sup>2</sup> Memoirs Hist. Soc. Penna., IX., 14.

<sup>3</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1885, p. 599.

<sup>4</sup> Valentine's N. Y. Manual, 1857, p. 519.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid., 1857, pp. 519-528.

<sup>6</sup> Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 296.

the surrender of the government of that Colony to Queen Ann, in 1702.<sup>1</sup>

In a list of the inhabitants of New York in 1703 he is credited with having one male, one female, four children, two negresses and two negro children in his family.<sup>2</sup>

Edward Antill married Elizabeth Bowne, license dated September 10, 1686.<sup>3</sup> He seems to have married a second time, for in his will, dated June 10, 1704, he names his wife Sarah. He is said to have married her in England. On June 3, 1705, a vessel having on board Mrs. Antill and her children was captured about 150 leagues off Sandy Hook by a privateer from Martinico and carried off to that port.<sup>4</sup>

Mr. Antill's will was proved April 7, 1725. By it he devises to his "dear tender and loving wife Sarah," in fee, half his land lying to the North of Hudson's river, and the other half to his six children—William, Charles, Anne, Edward, Elizabeth and George, and to afterborn child and children. He also gives his wife all his interest in a certain Proprietyship in East Jersey, formerly purchased of David Toshack, Laird of Minnevarre. His personal estate to wife Sarah and daughter Anne. Executors—"dear and loving wife Sarah," Giles Shelley and James Emott. The will is witnessed by William Vesey, Rector of Trinity Church, B. Cosens, a lawyer, and William Sharpas.<sup>5</sup> It is probable that the first three children were by his first wife.

From the fact that the last business document relating to Antill bears date 1703-4, the same year in which his will was made, and that there is no later mention of him in the records, it is probable that he died very soon after executing his will. The brevity and simplicity of that instru-

<sup>1</sup> N. J. Archives, II., 456, 459.

<sup>2</sup> Valentine's Hist. N. Y., 344.

<sup>3</sup> Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., 146.

<sup>4</sup> N. J. Archives, XI., 8.

<sup>5</sup> N. Y. County Wills, Liber No. 10, f. 42.



ment also indicate that it was made during his last illness. Why it was not put on record until 1725 is not apparent. Perhaps because the youngest child was not of age until that time, and there was no occasion to use the instrument in the meanwhile. Perhaps his widow survived until then. No record has been found of Mr. Antill's death.

Edward Antill, 1st, had issue:

- i. William. Administration was granted, Oct. 25, 1739, to William Antill, principal creditor of George Ogilvy, late of Perth Amboy.<sup>1</sup>
- ii. Charles.
- iii. Anne.
- 2 iv. Edward, b. June 17, 1701.
- v. Elizabeth.
- vi. George.

No further account has been found of any of these children, except Edward. They either died young, or removed from New York city.

### *Second Generation.*

2. Edward Antill, 2d, the son of the New York merchant, by his wife Sarah, was born June 17, 1701.<sup>2</sup> There is a pleasant bit of romance about his childhood, in the fact that he was adopted and brought up by Giles Shelley,<sup>3</sup> the quondam alleged pirate, who owed his life and liberty to Edward Antill, 1st, as already related.

By will dated Sept. 22, 1708, proved March 6, 1710-11, Shelley gave to his loving friends, Robert Watts and Robert Livingston, merchants, all his messuage, farm, lands

<sup>1</sup> E. J. Wills, Liber C, f. 294.

<sup>2</sup> Antill Family Record.

<sup>3</sup> "Giles Shelley (godfather of Edward Antill) was born July ye 30th, 1664."—*Antill Family Record*. In the marriage records of the Dutch Church, in New York, we find the entry: "Gilles Schelley, j. m., Van London, en Hillegond Van Hooren. Wede Van Olivier Cranisborough, beijde wonende alhier, Nov. 25, 1689." That is: Giles Shelley, bachelor, from London, married Hillegond van Hooren, widow of Oliver Cranisborough, both living here, Nov. 25, 1689.

and appurtenances at the Bowery, and the stock, furniture, etc., to hold during the life of Mary Peters, wife of Charles Peters, in trust, to let her occupy and use the same; at her decease to be held in trust for Edward Antill, "whom I adopted and bread up having no children of my own;" he also gives Mary Peters three Indian slaves; to "loving Aunt Elizabeth Clark of Gravesend in the county of Kent, England," £20 sterling a year during her life; bequest to John Tudor, jun.<sup>1</sup>; to wife, "twenty shillings and no more." "To said child Edward Antill my two houses and lands in the city of New York and all other my lands and tenements to him and the heirs of his body." For want of such heirs, to loving friends Nathaniel Lane and John Lane, both of Barbadoes, merchants, in fee. Witnesses—A. D. Peyster, Benja. Aske, M. Bickley, James Davis. In a codicil, dated Feb. 19, 1710, it is stated that Mary Peters is dead since the will was made. By this codicil the testator gives to "Loving wife" £150 per annum during life; to aunt Elizabeth Clark, £20 more a year; to friend William Chambers, £50; to widow Shepherd, £50; to Anne Antill, daughter of Edward Antill, £150; to "loving wife," £60 in money or household goods. Witnesses—Lancaster Symes, Step<sup>n</sup> Thomas, Gilbert Ash, M. Bickley.<sup>2</sup>

When Edward arrived at the age of twenty-one years, Robert Watts, one of his trustees and guardians, then a merchant of the Island of Barbadoes, in the West Indies, delivered to the young man a true and full account of his estate, and paid him £126, 2s. 9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d., the balance due him, whereupon Antill gave him a discharge, dated August 10, 1723, in which this interesting story of a stranger's generosity, and of a faithful trustee, is fully set forth.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> John Tudor, Junior, married Mrs. Shelley's sister, Aefje Van Hooren, April 24, 1695.

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. County Wills, Liber No. 8, f. 8.

<sup>3</sup> N. Y. County Deeds, Liber No. 31, f. 341.

Among the property which thus came to young Antill was a mortgage given Feb. 9, 1699-1700, by Michael Hawden, of the city of New York, to Giles Shelly, of the same city, on "a tract of land on the North Branch of the Raritan river (adjoining John Dalrimple), containing 912 acres English measure; also 300 acres of upland at Barnegate, beginning at the north of Manahohaky creek, by the Bay, to secure the payment of £330 of Seville monies or Pillar pieces of eight each of seventeen penny weight, on Feb. 9, 1700"; none of the money was paid, and when Antill became of age Shelly's executors assigned the mortgage to him, as residuary legatee of said Shelly;<sup>1</sup> Antill assigned the same to Samuel Bayard, Oct. 21, 1732.<sup>2</sup>

Edward Antill, 2d, took up his residence at an early date at Piscataway Landing, on the Raritan river, on a portion of the broad acres inherited from his father, and there he spent most of his life. He added a tract, 90x11 chains, on April 7, 1735, by deed from Andrew Johnston, of Perth Amboy, merchant. In the deed he is described as of Piscataway, and the land as "in Piscataway on the Raritan river."<sup>3</sup> He married Catharine ———, as appears from a power of attorney given by Edward Antill, of Piscataway, merchant, appointing Catharine his wife attorney to enter into his lands, etc., the four houses within the city of New York only excepted, and to convey the same. This instrument is dated June 20, 1729.<sup>4</sup> His first wife having died,

<sup>1</sup> The will of Hillegont Shilley, late of the City of New York, widow (of Giles Shelly), bearing date May 28, 1716, witnessed by John Okie, Yacobus Oukie and Leenart Smack, was proved Sept. 29, 1718, before John Barclay, surrogate, authorized and appointed to take the probate of wills, etc. She devises her whole estate to her executors in trust, to deliver the same to "my loving sister Mary Vreeland during her natural life," with remainder to the children of said Mary Vreeland then living; if none, "then to be equally divided between my brothers and sisters; John Van Horn, Garret Van Horn, Abraham Van Horn, Effie Theobalds, Vrontie Sandford and Jannitie Lane, share and share alike." Executors—loving brothers Garret Van Horn and Enoch Vreeland.—*E. J. Wills*, Liber A, f. 111.

<sup>2</sup> E. J. Deeds, K Large, f. 325.

<sup>3</sup> E. J. Deeds, Liber C, f. 242.

<sup>4</sup> E. J. Deeds, Liber K Large, f. 102.

he married 2d, Anne Morris, daughter of Governor Lewis Morris, of New Jersey, June 10, 1739; she was born April 3, 1706.<sup>1</sup> She survived him. Mrs. Antill seems to have possessed something of the Governor's whimsical obstinacy and petulance. Mr. Whitehead says Antill was "an oddity," and as an instance thereof relates an incident to the effect that he once expressed to his wife his regret that the women of the day spent so much time in idleness or profitless pursuits, instead of "abiding in the fields with their maidens," gathering flax or grain. The next morning on coming down to breakfast Mr. Antill found the house deserted, and no signs of the matutinal repast. His wife had taken him at his word, and was out in the fields with her handmaidens, pulling flax.<sup>2</sup> This is an illustration of the serious view Mr. Antill took of life. He was elected to the Provincial Assembly in 1738, serving two years, and quite naturally voted in that body to sustain Gov. Morris, his father-in-law, who on the recommendation of the Council, appointed him, December 1, 1739, to be one of the Judges of the Middlesex County Court of Common Pleas.<sup>3</sup> He was destined for still higher honors. Gov. Morris recommended him in 1740 for a seat in the Council, saying: "He is a man of good Estate & Sence, and if admitted to that board, I hope and believe will prove an usefull and deserving member of it." He was appointed May 25, 1741, to make a quorum of the Council, but appears to have been so indifferent to the honor that he did not take his seat until October 28, 1743. The appointment was confirmed in 1745.<sup>4</sup> He was reappointed in 1746, as a member of Gov. Jonathan Belcher's Council, and again in 1761, in the Council of Gov. Josiah Hardy,

<sup>1</sup> Antill Family Record.

<sup>2</sup> Whitehead's Perth Amboy, 227.

<sup>3</sup> N. J. Archives, XV., 99.

<sup>4</sup> N. J. Archives, VI., 110, 233, 237; Papers of Lewis Morris, 33, 37, 122, 219, 220, 283.

but was suspended by Gov. Thomas Boone a few weeks later, for non-attendance, which suspension was confirmed by the King in Council, by order dated January 2, 1762.<sup>1</sup> As a member of the Council he was also commissioned as Justice of the Peace of Monmouth county, Dec. 17, 1744; of Bergen county, Sept. 26, 1745, and March 28, 1749; of Middlesex county, Aug. 16, 1746, and March 28, 1749; of Salem county, March 30, 1749; of Morris county, May 13, 1749; of Cumberland county, April 25, 1750; and Judge of the Middlesex county Oyer and Terminer, Aug. 30, 1746.<sup>2</sup> He was not only a merchant, but farmed on an extensive scale, having 370 acres and upwards, 40 being in meadow and 100 in timber, and an orchard of 500 apple trees. He grew apples for his distillery, and raised trees for the market, offering the latter for sale in 1750 at "nine Pence per Tree, if chosen; or six Pence per Tree if taken by the Row, as they stand in the nursery."<sup>3</sup> His brew-house, across the river from New Brunswick, was destroyed in a severe storm, in July, 1752, but was at once rebuilt, 60 feet long and 38 feet wide, with a new copper, holding twenty-two barrels, with approved appurtenances for making cider, etc. He offered the whole place for sale in December, 1752, and again in September, 1753.<sup>4</sup> He advertised in the *New York Mercury*, March, 1, 1762, for sale "at his Seat near New Brunswick, in New-Jersey, four or five Yoke of working Cattle, of different Ages, from 8 to three Years old; they are now fit for Service, being in good Heart, and full Flesh'd, they are fed upon good Hay and Corn."<sup>5</sup> The cause of religion and education found in him a valuable supporter. He gave £1,800 in 1754 towards founding King's (now Columbia) College, in the

<sup>1</sup> N. J. Archives, VII., 6; IX., 274, 300, 335; XVII., 238.

<sup>2</sup> Liber AAA of Commissions, *passim*, in Secretary of State's office, Trenton.

<sup>3</sup> N. J. Archives, XII., 618, 682.

<sup>4</sup> *Ib.*, XIX., 168, 208, 292.

<sup>5</sup> N. J. Archives, XXIII., 14.



interest of the Episcopal Church.<sup>1</sup> His predilection toward literature was evinced even in his occasional journeys to Trenton, where he put up at the "Sign of Hudibras," a famous tavern, in 1761.<sup>2</sup> He was one of the warmest friends of Christ Church, New Brunswick, N. J., and in 1759 was one of the trustees of a lottery "for raising 1500 Pieces of Eight to be applied to the use and finishing" of that church.<sup>3</sup> When the Rev. Robert McKean, missionary at New Brunswick, removed in 1763 to Perth Amboy, he reported to the Society (in England) for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, under date of December 16, 1763, that "the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edward Anthill, Esq., a man of most exemplary life, and singular piety, had undertaken to read prayers and a sermon every two Sundays at Brunswick, and every other two at Piscataqua, till the arrival of a missionary," and the Society "Agreed that thanks should be returned to M<sup>r</sup> Parker and M<sup>r</sup> Anthill for their pious labours."<sup>4</sup> "There is a large and handsome marble font in the [New Brunswick] church, on which is inscribed: 'The gift of John Antill, Esq., as a token of his affection to his native place.' The tradition in the family, however, was, that this font was presented by his father, the Hon. Edward Antill, as a votive offering, in consequence of deliverance from imminent danger."<sup>5</sup> In his will, dated October 25, 1768, he describes himself as "late of Piscataqua but now of Shrewsbury." He names his wife, Anna, sons Edward (the eldest, to whom he had advanced £300), John and Lewis, and daughters Mary (wife of Richard Cochran), Sarah and Isabella. He appoints his wife Anne executrix. By a codicil, dated July 14, 1770, he joins his

<sup>1</sup> Hist. of N. Y. during the Revolution. by Thomas Jones, I., 10.

<sup>2</sup> N. J. Archives, XX., 620.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., XX., 302.

<sup>4</sup> MS. Letter from the Society.

<sup>5</sup> Record of Christ Church, New Brunswick, N. J., by the Rev. Alfred Stubbs, Rector, 1850, p. 26.

son Lewis in the executorship, and speaks of his "beloved wife and six virtuous children." The will was proved August 24, 1770.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Antill died August 15, 1770, and was buried near the southeast corner of Christ Church, New Brunswick.<sup>2</sup> In the records of the church is the simple entry: "The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Edward Antill Esq<sup>r</sup> was interred in X Ch. Yard in N. B. Aug 16, 70."

In the minutes of the Council of Safety, of New Jersey, met at Princeton, Dec. 12, 1777, we read: "That a flag of Truce from New York had just arrived in Shrewsbury River, for the families, servants & Effects of Mrs. Antill" and four others. It was agreed to permit her and the others to pass to New York with their families, etc.<sup>3</sup> This probably refers to Anne Antill, widow of Edward Antill, 2d, for the will of Anne Antill, "at present of the city of New York, of sound mind but old and infirm," is dated March 27, 1778. It was proved November 20, 1781. She gives to her son Edward land in Bergen county "left me by the last will of John Corbet Esq." Certain money "in the hands of Charles Lowndes Esq. given me by the will of my dearest sister Euphania Norris," is to be divided equally between: 1. grandson, John Collins Antill, son of John Antill, Esq.; 2. granddaughter, Isabella Graham Antill, daughter of my son Edward Antill, Esq.; 3. granddaughter, Ann Cochran, daughter of Richard Cochran, Esq.; 4. granddaughter, Elizabeth Colden Antill, daughter of son, Lewis Antill, deceased. Executor—son, John Antill, Esq. Witnesses—Thomas Davies, Anne Morris, Thos. Skinner (Baker). John Antill qualified as executor, Dec. 3, 1781.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> E. J. Wills, K. 238.

<sup>2</sup> Record of Christ Church, 26.

<sup>3</sup> Minutes of the Council of Safety, 173.

<sup>4</sup> N. Y. County Wills, Liber No. 34. f. 423.

*Third Generation.*

Edward Antill, 2d, and Anne Morris his wife, had issue :

3. i. Sarah, b. Aug. 18, 1740.
4. ii. Edward, b. April 11, 1742.
5. iii. Lewis.
6. iv. John.
7. v. Isabella.
8. vi. Mary.

3. "Sarah, Daughter of Edward Antill, by said Anne, his wife, was born at his house in Piscataqua, in the County of Middlesex, in East New Jersey, the 18th day of August, 1740, at 7 of the Clock in the evening, and was baptized at the Church in said Piscataqua, on Sunday the 14th day of September following, by the Reverend William Skinner. Robert Hunter Morris, Esq, Chief Justice of New Jersey, her uncle on the mother's side, being her godfather, and Ursula Parker and Mary Forster her godmothers."<sup>1</sup> She married Lieutenant Colonel John Morris.

4. "Edward, first son of the said Anne, was born at the same place [Piscataqua, N. J.], the 11th of April, 1742, at eleven of the clock in the morning, and was baptized in the same church, by the Reverend William Skinner, on Palm Sunday the 2<sup>d</sup> of May following, Peter Kemble of this Place, merchant, and doctor ——— Mercer, of Bound Brook, Gent<sup>n</sup> and Farmer, being his Godfathers, and Eufamia Norris (his aunt by the mother) his Godmother, who being in England was personated by Mrs. Catherin Johnston."<sup>2</sup>

He was graduated from King's (now Columbia) College in 1762, and received the degree of A. M. in course, a fact of which he was naturally proud, sufficiently so to note it on his very neat book-plate. Having studied law

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<sup>1</sup> Antill Family Record.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

he was admitted to the bar in New York, but shortly removed to Quebec, where he remained until the Revolution began. When that city was besieged by the American troops in the Fall of 1775, he refused to respond to the call of the Governor of the city to take up arms in its defense, and was sent out to the American lines, where to his delight he was at once assigned to duty as chief en-



gineer of the army, by General Montgomery. He was with that gallant officer when he fell, and was despatched by Gen. Wooster to relate the particulars to General Schuyler and the Continental Congress. On January 22, 1776, he received a commission as Lieutenant-Colonel of Colonel Hazen's Second Canadian ("Congress Own") Regiment, and in May, 1776, General Benedict Arnold assigned him to duty as Adjutant General of the American

Army in Canada. In the following December he was sent on a recruiting tour through New Jersey and the Southern States, with the approbation of General Washington (who wrote him a commendatory letter, Jan. 8, 1777), and Congress voted him \$2,000 for his expenses.<sup>1</sup> He was among the prisoners captured by the British, when Gen. Sullivan led his ill-fated expedition against Staten Island, August 22, 1777.<sup>2</sup> For a time he was confined on one of the prison ships. Happily for him, his brother John, then in the British service, was one day sent to examine the condition of the prisoners, and the first person he saw among them was his own brother, whose release he soon effected.<sup>3</sup> He and other American officers made a return, at Flat Bush on Long Island, August 15, 1778, of the officers and other prisoners on Long Island, for purposes of exchange.<sup>4</sup> In August, 1779, he was still at large on Long Island, on parole.<sup>5</sup> His exchange was effected Nov. 2, 1780. On Jan. 7, 1782, he returned 77 men of his regiment belonging to the Pennsylvania line, who had not received the gratuity allowed them.<sup>6</sup> He was retired from the service Jan. 1, 1783.<sup>7</sup> He was licensed as an attorney in New Jersey at the November Term, 1783.<sup>8</sup> About this time (1783-4) he opened a law office in New York city, at No. 25 Water street, and later moved to No. 87 Broadway, corner of Wall street. In a letter dated "31 Golden Hill, New York City," December 16, 1785, he applied to John Jay, then Secretary for Foreign Affairs, to be appointed Translator

<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1880, 208, 218; Force's American Archives, 4th Series, IV., 189, 669; VI., 591, 1106; 5th Series, L. 654; III., 843, 1507, 1604, 1618; Penn. Archives, 2d Series, XI., 99; Sparks's Washington, IV., 267.

<sup>2</sup> Marshall's Washington, III., 136; Penn. Magazine of Hist and Biog., III., 167; N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1883, 128.

<sup>3</sup> Record Christ Church, 26.

<sup>4</sup> Penn. Mag. of Hist. and Biog., XVII., 161.

<sup>5</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1875, 241.

<sup>6</sup> Penn. Archives, IX., 476.

<sup>7</sup> Heitman's Register, 64.

<sup>8</sup> Vroom's N. J. Sup. Ct. Rules, 1886, 94.

in the Department of Foreign Affairs. Secretary Jay replied with his compliments that the office was not vacant. He then removed to Canada, joining his brother John there. He married at Quebec, May 4, 1767 (the Rev. John Brooks, chaplain of the garrison, officiating), Miss Charlotte Riverain, daughter of Joseph Riverain. She died at New York, September 3, 1785, aged thirty-two. He died at the town of St. John's, on the Richelieu river, near Montreal, in Canada, May 21, 1789, aged forty-seven years.<sup>1</sup> (According to these dates she was but fourteen at the time of her marriage. Is there not an error here?) He was appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Clinton County, N. Y., in 1789, but probably died before he could fill the office.

5. Lewis Antill, son of Edward Antill, 2d, married Alice Colden, daughter of Cadwallader Colden (third son of Lieutenant-Governor Cadwallader Colden, of New York), Nov. 30, 1771.<sup>2</sup> He is said to have served in the American army, during the Revolution, and to have lost his life at the battle of Brandywine (September 11, 1777).<sup>3</sup> No record of such service has been found. He was the "Dr. Lewis Antle" who visited Judge John Fell, the New Jersey Congressman,<sup>4</sup> on May 11, 1777, in the Provost Jail, in New York.<sup>5</sup> Nothing has been learned of his subsequent history. He was deceased at the date of his mother's will, March 27, 1778. He left one child, Elizabeth Colden Antill, mentioned in that will, as above. He and his wife are said to have died in 1776, leaving two daughters.<sup>6</sup> This date is obviously a year out of the way.

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<sup>1</sup> Antill Family Record.

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. Marriage Licenses, 8.

<sup>3</sup> Record Christ Church, 26.

<sup>4</sup> John Fell's daughter married Cadwallader Colden, brother of Dr. Antill's wife.

<sup>5</sup> Onderdonk's Revolutionary Incidents in Suffolk County, 219.

<sup>6</sup> N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, IV., 177.



6. John Antill, another son of Edward Antill, 2d, was admitted to the New Jersey Bar at the September Term, 1767, and was appointed clerk in Chancery of New Jersey, March 30, 1770. He married, April 22, 1770, Margaret, daughter of Alexander Colden (first son of Lieutenant Governor Cadwallader Colden), and after her death married her sister Jane, before 1796.<sup>1</sup> In 1774 he used his father-in-law's name and prestige to secure the succession to the New York Postmastership, then held by his brother-in-law, Alexander Colden, jun., who was failing in health, but his application was unsuccessful.<sup>2</sup> However, he had accounts in 1774 and 1775 against Gov. Tryon and Gen. Monckton, for postage, which it is to be hoped were paid by those distinguished debtors.<sup>3</sup> Antill next tried to get the appointment of Surveyor General of New York, in which he also failed.<sup>4</sup> In 1770 a survey of 20,000 acres was returned to John Antill, Lewis Antill, Margaret Antill (probably John's wife), and others, by the Province of New York, but the lands were subsequently declared to be in Vermont.<sup>5</sup> In 1774 John Antill secured a patent for 3,000 acres in Western New York, which he sold in 1776 to Robert L. Hooper, perhaps to avoid confiscation.<sup>6</sup> He is named as one of the executors of the will of his father-in-law, Alexander Colden, dated Sept. 24, 1774; proved Dec. 16, 1774.<sup>7</sup> His name appears among the New York signers of an address to Admiral Lord Howe and Gen. Sir William Howe, praying them to "Restore this City and County to his Majesty's Protection and Peace," dated Oct. 16, 1776.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Eager's Hist. Orange County, 346; N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, IV., 171-2.

<sup>2</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1877, 353.

<sup>3</sup> Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 821, 830, 833.

<sup>4</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1877, 375.

<sup>5</sup> Cal. N. Y. Land Papers, 501-5.

<sup>6</sup> *Ib.*, 668-9.

<sup>7</sup> Cal. N. Y. Wills, p. 77.

<sup>8</sup> N. Y. City during the American Revolution. 1861, p. 120.

When the Revolution began he took sides with the British, and in April, 1778, was at Philadelphia, when he is referred to as "Major Antill of the New York Volunteers."<sup>1</sup> This is an error, as in 1777 and 1778 his name appears on the rosters as Major in Cortlandt Skinner's Second Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers.<sup>2</sup> Major Antill was cashiered, August 15, 1780, for making false returns and "drawing provisions for more men than the effective strength of his battalion," but four months later was restored to his command.<sup>3</sup> At the close of the War he was obliged to go to Canada, where he was still living in 1796.<sup>4</sup> He had a son, John Collins Antill, who is named in the will of his grandfather, Alexander Colden, of Brookland, Kings County, N. Y., dated Sept. 24, 1774.<sup>5</sup> He is also named in the will of his grandmother, Anne Antill. His first wife died in Canada, in 1783, leaving three children.<sup>6</sup>

7. v. Isabella Graham Antill, daughter of Edward Antill, 2d, married the Rev. Robert McKean, February 19, 1761, at Christ Church, Shrewsbury, N. J. This relationship possibly accounts for the warmth of Mr. McKean's eulogy of his father-in-law, quoted above, although Mrs. Antill is said to have been a "young lady of very gay and independent spirit, not calculated to enhance the domestic happiness of the missionary."<sup>7</sup> The will of Robert McKean, "Clerk, Missionary from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, at Perth Amboy," bears date Sept. 13, 1767. He mentions his father, William McKean, brother-in-law, Richard Cochran, wife Isabella,

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<sup>1</sup> N. Y. Hist. Soc. Coll., 1883, 567.

<sup>2</sup> *The New Jersey Volunteers (Loyalists) in the Revolutionary War*, by Gen. William S. Stryker. Trenton, 1887, 31.

<sup>3</sup> *Ib.*; Jones's Hist. N. Y., II., 29.

<sup>4</sup> Sabine's *Loyalists*, II., 472; Eager's Hist. Orange County, 346.

<sup>5</sup> Cal. N. Y. Wills, 76.

<sup>6</sup> N. Y. Gen. and Biog. Record, IV., 171.

<sup>7</sup> Whitehead's *Perth Amboy*, 227.

brothers Thomas and William, sister Dorothea, wife of John Thompson, and nephew Robert, son of brother Thomas, of New Castle, Del. No children are named. The witnesses were Gannatta Harrison, Lewis Antill and Theo. McKean. The will was proved Dec. 9, 1767.<sup>1</sup> He died October 17, 1767. On March 1, 1772, his widow married ——— McNeil.<sup>2</sup>

8. vi. Mary Antill, daughter of Edward Antill, 2d, married Richard Cochran, of Middlesex county, Oct. 15, 1764. Her daughter, Anne Cochran, is mentioned in the will of Mrs Edward Antill, in 1778, as above.

*Fourth Generation.*

3. Edward Antill, 3d, and Charlotte Riveraine his wife, had issue :

- i. Isabella Graham, b. March 6, 1768.
- ii. Charlotte, b. Sept. 2, 1769.
- iii. Mary, b. Jan. 14, 1771.
- iv. Ann (Julia?), b. March 29, 1772.
- v. Euphemia, b. July 5, 1773.
- vi. Edward, b. May 28, 1775.
- vii. Amelia, b. May 15, 1777.
- viii. John, b. Dec. 15, 1779.
- ix. Harriet, b. Sept. 12, 1780.
- x. Louisa, b. Dec. 2, 1782.
9. xi. Frances, b. May 4, 1785.

We quote from the Antill Family Record the following details concerning these children, adding information from other sources :

i. "Isabella Graham, born at seven o'clock in the evening on the 7th March, 1768, baptized by the Rev. C. D. Delisle, a week after<sup>3</sup>—Sponsors, Major James Hughes,

<sup>1</sup> E. J. Wills, Liber I., f. 194.

<sup>2</sup> Cal. N. Y. Hist. MSS., II., 805.

<sup>3</sup> The Church register gives the date of birth 1768, March 6, Izabella Entill. And the date of baptism, March 20. These entries have every appearance of having

Isabelle Graham, wife of Dr. Graham, and Isabella McNeal, her aunt by the father's side." She was married at Montreal, 2 Dec., 1787, to William Hall, of Staffordshire, England, by the Rev. C. D. Delisle, rector at Montreal.

ii. "Charlotte (second daughter), born in February, 1769, baptized by the said Rev. C. D. Delisle, died 3 weeks old."<sup>1</sup>

iii. "Mary (third daughter), born the 18 Jany., 1770,<sup>2</sup> baptized by the Rev. C. D. Delisle—sponsors, Ja<sup>s</sup>. Stanley Goddard, Margaret Howard." She was married at Albany, N. Y., 1 Nov., 1786, to Gerrit Y. Lansing, of Saratoga, merchant. They subsequently resided at Oriskany, N. Y. Her descendants removed to Michigan, the capital of that State being named from them—Lansing. Many of them have been prominent citizens of Michigan.

iv. "Julia (fourth daughter), born the 28 March, 1772,<sup>3</sup> died the 19th December, 1787, at Quebec."

v. "Edward (first son), born 4 May, 1775,<sup>4</sup> baptized by the Rev. C. D. Delisle, died at Montreal, fourteen months old. The above children were born in Montreal."

vi. "Amelia (fifth daughter), born in Lancaster, Province of Pennsylvania, 15 May, 1777, baptized by the Rev.

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been made contemporaneously with the events, and are probably more correct than those in the Family Bible, which are less precise, and appear to have been made up later. The Rector's name is given in the register as the Rev. Mr. D. O. Carlisle. See Report on Canadian Archives, 1885, by Douglass Brymner, Archivist, Ottawa. 1886, pp. lxxxvii—xcii.

<sup>1</sup> The Church register gives the date of birth of Charlotte Entill, 1769, Sept. 2; date of baptism, Sept. 8. Date of death, Oct. 8, 1769; date of burial, Oct. 9. See preceding note.

<sup>2</sup> The Church register gives the date of birth of Mary Entill, 1771, Jan. 14. Baptized same day.

<sup>3</sup> The Church register gives the date of birth of Ann Entill, 1774, March 29; baptized March 30.

It also records the birth of Euphemia Entill, July 5, 1773; baptized July 17; died July 19, and buried July 20, 1773. She is not mentioned in the Antill Family Record, which is another evidence that the latter was compiled subsequently to the events.

<sup>4</sup> The Church register gives the date of birth of Edward Entill, 1775, May 28; baptized May 29.

Dr. Barton—Sponsors, Judge Atley, his wife, and Mrs. Barton, wife of D<sup>r</sup> Barton, died December following."

vii. "John (second son), born at Flatbush, Long Island, 15 Dec., 1779, died at twenty-two months old."

viii. "Harriet (sixth daughter), born at Bushwick, on Long Island, 12 September, 1780, baptized by the Rev. Theop<sup>hs</sup> Beach, 10 Sept., 1785—sponsors James Price, and Margaret, his wife, and Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the State of New York."

ix. "Louisa (seventh daughter), born 2 Dec., 1782, at Colden Ham, Orange County, died five weeks old, 1782" (1783?).

9. x. "Frances (eighth daughter), born at Brookland Heights, Long Island, the 4th May, 1785, baptised by the Rev. Theo<sup>ps</sup> Beach, 10 Sept., 1785—Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. Giles." She married, Sept. 10, 1810, Arthur Tappan, at the house of her sister, Mrs. Lansing, at Oriskany, N. Y. She died at New Haven, Conn., July 21, 1863. Her husband was the first President of the Anti Slavery Society.

*Fifth Generation.*

9. Frances Antill and Arthur Tappan had issue :

10. i. Charlotte Lansing Tappan, b. Feb. 4, 1812; m. Rev. William Beale Lewis, of Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 18, 1834. He d. Dec. 27, 1849; she d. Jan. 22, 1892.

11. ii. Benjamin Tappan, b. Aug. 3, 1813; m. 1st, Lucy R. Reed, of Boston, Mass., July 31, 1836; 2d, Rachel Bromley Staines, of Madison, Wis., May 8, 1852. He removed to Wisconsin, and by act of the Legislature of that State his name was changed, in 1862, to Edward Antill Tappan. He is said to have died in or about 1862.

12. iii. Frances Antill Tappan, b. Dec. 20, 1815; m. John F. Seymour, of Utica, N. Y., May 14,

- 1839, brother of Horatio Seymour, Governor of New York, 1863-1864; she d. Sept. 5, 1860; he d. —.
- iv. Sarah Salisbury Tappan, b. Feb. 19, 1819; d. Oct. 18, 1895, unm.
13. v. Elizabeth Riverein Tappan, b. April 8, 1821; m. John Penny Marvin, Jan. 30, 1845; d. —; he d. Aug. 14, 1849.
14. vi. Catherine Colt Tappan, b. May 29, 1827; m. William Henry Edwards, of New York, May 29, 1851. They live at Coalburgh, W. Va.

*Sixth Generation.*

10. Charlotte Lansing Tappan and the Rev. William Beale Lewis had issue:

- i. William Lewis, b. Dec. 26, 1835; d. same day.
- ii. Frances Antill Lewis, b. —, 1837; m. Alexander J. Walker, Feb. 17, 1866. He d. June 25, 1872. Issue:
  1. Arthur Tappan Walker, b. June 18, 1867.
  2. Alexander David Walker, b. Dec. 20, 1869.
  3. Frances Antill Lewis Walker, b. Jan. 17, 1872.
- iii. William Arthur Lewis, b. Feb. 22, 1839; d. Nov. 5, 1841.
- iv. William Beale Lewis, 2d, b. May 12, 1842; m. Rebecca Matilda Edwards, June 15, 1869. He was a physician. Issue: William Beale Lewis, 3d, b. Feb. 24, 1871; d. Feb. 25, 1883.
- v. Theodore Mason Lewis, b. Aug. 9, 1843; d. May 23, 1860.
- vi. Charlotte Sophia Lewis, b. Oct. 9, 1844; d. Aug. 24, 1845.
- vii. Elizabeth Wilson Lewis, b. —, 1849; m. Rev.



Thornton M. Niven, Jr., D. D.,<sup>1</sup> of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., June 1, 1870. Issue:

1. Archibald Campbell Niven, b. April 8, 1871; d. June 17, 1891.
2. Isabella Thornton Niven, b. Feb. 24, 1873; m. Amos Parker Wilder, Dec. 3, 1894. Children: i. Amos Niven Wilder, b. Sept. 18, 1895; ii. and iii. Thornton Niven Wilder and a twin brother, the latter dying within a few months; iv. Charlotte Elizabeth Wilder, b. Aug. 28, 1898.
3. Thornton McNess Niven, b. Sept. 10, 1876.
4. Charlotte Tappan Lewis Niven, b. Jan. 17, 1882.

11. Benjamin [Edward Antill] Tappan had issue:

By his first wife (Lucy R. Reed):

- i. James Reed Tappan, b. in 1837; d. April, 1845.
- ii. Edward Antill Tappan, b. 1839; d. April, 1845.

By his second wife (Rachel Bromley Staines):

- iii. Arthur Tappan, b. Aug. 27, 1853; d. in inf.
- iv. Francis Antill Tappan, b. Sept. 5, 1854; m. James Fox, of Milwaukee, Mich., Oct. 10, 1876. Issue: 1. Edward Tappan Fox, b. Aug. 23, 1877; 2. James Fletcher Fox, b. June 29, 1879; 3. Rachel Janet Fox, b. June 29, 1881.
- v. Mary Bleecker Lansing Tappan, b. April 7, 1856; d. in inf.
- vi. Janet Macindoe Tappan, b. Jan. 18, 1858; m. Stephen Strong Gregory, of Madison, Wis., Nov. 25, 1880. Issue: 1. Charlotte Camp Gregory, b. Nov. 29, 1882; 2. Arthur Tappan

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<sup>1</sup> For some account of the family and ancestry of the Rev. Thornton M. Niven, see History of Paterson, N. J., by William Nelson, I., 167-8.

Gregory, b. Aug. 29, 1886; 3. Stephen Strong Gregory, b. May 20, 1888.

- vii. Theodora Antill, b. June 15, 1860; m. James Reeve Stuart, Dec. 6, 1893. Issue: 1. Frances Tappan Stuart, b. Sept. 28, 1894; 2. Janet Macindoe Stuart, b. May 26, 1896; 3. James Reeve Stuart, b. April 29, 1898.

12. Frances Antill Tappan and John F. Seymour had issue:

- i. Frances Antill Seymour, b. 1840; d. 1852.
- ii. Horatio Seymour, b. Jan. 6, 1844; m. Abigail Adams Johnson, Oct. 12, 1880. He is a civil engineer, and resides at Marquette, Wis. Issue: 1. Mary Ledyard Seymour, b. Sept. 10, 1881; 2. Horatio Seymour, b. July 14, 1883.
- iii. Mary Ledyard Seymour, b. Sept. 11, 1847; m. Willis E. Ford, M. D., of Utica, N. Y.

13. Elizabeth Riverein Tappan and John Penny Marvin had issue:

- i. Arthur Tappan Marvin, b. Feb. 19, 1846; m. Mary Barney, dau. of Hiram Barney, of New York, Jan. —, 1881. They reside in California.
- ii. Charles Steadman Marvin, b. Oct. 22, 1848; d. Aug. 10, 18—.
- iii. Frances Antill Marvin, b. Oct. —, 1848; m. Rev. Zachary Eddy, D. D., of Detroit, Mich., July 17, 1889. He d. Nov. 15, 1891.

14. Catharine Colt Tappan and William Henry Edwards had issue:

- i. Edith Katharine Antill Edwards, b. at London, England, Sept. 22, 1852; m. Theodore Luqueer Mead, of New York, June —, 1882. They live at Oviedo, Florida. Issue: 1. Dorothy

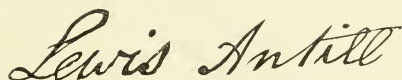
Luqueer Mead, b. Oct. —, 1887; d. Feb. 25, 1892.

- ii. William Seymour Edwards, b. at New York, Sept. 14, 1856. He is a lawyer, residing at Charleston, W. Va.
- iii. Anne Scott Edwards, b. at New York, Feb. 25, 1858; m. Webster D. Smith, of Biddeford, Me., Oct. —, 1882. They live at Coalburgh, W. Va. Issue: 1. Catherine Tappan Smith, b. Jan. 31, 1884; 2. Emily Webster Smith, b. Aug. 23, 1887; d. April 17, 1890; 3. Eleanor Dudley Smith, b. Nov. 5, 1896.

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FAC SIMILE OF AUTOGRAPH OF DR. LEWIS ANTILL.

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#### LETTER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD ANTILL.

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WILLMINGTON, Feb. 20th 1777.

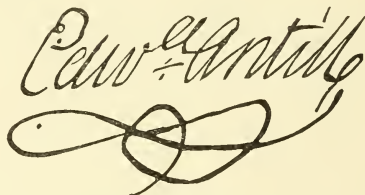
I take the liberty to enclose you two affidavits of the conduct of a captain of a Privateer, this is the second instance of these Peoples conduct of the first I gave you a memorandum when in town, I beg it as a Favor Your Honor will take such steps as to you will seem best to rectify such abuses. I think with due submission the owners should become answerable for the

men & captain on his return to be Dealt with as they Deserve. he has carried off from Different corps great numbers, I further submit it whether the Owners should not immediately Repay the Bounty Money & such Further Sum as the officer may have advanced them toward their pay & subsistance; Coll Humpton can inform you of the treatment one of his officers received from the same man upon a similar occasion —

The paymaster of our Regiment will wait upon the General in a Day or two when I request it as a Favor that you would give him a warrant for a Few Thousand Dollars to enable him to pay the captain their subsistance Amounts & he will take such Directions from you as to the mode of paying them and the Vouchers necessary to be produced as you will think proper to give

I am with great Respect Worthy Sir

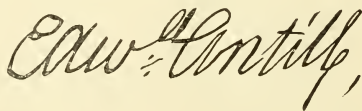
Your most Obedt.



The Night before last I had a few men come in from Maryland the Lieutenant apply'd to one Jonathan Rumford (who acts in the Quality of Commissary & Quatermaster) for Quarters but could procure none and he was oblige to lodge them in a Tavern and pay their lodging, upon Complaint being made to me in the morning and several other Complaints having been made me before of his not issuing provisions to the men sufficient either in quantity or quality I sent him word that if ever I heard another complaint of him relative to any part of his Department I should in Justice to my men be under the Necessity of taking steps that would not be altogether agreeable to him to which he sent me for Answer, *I might take what steps I pleased he put me to Defiance & did not regard me*, had I treated him as such Insolence deserved I should have sent a file of men & Instantly confined him but Reflecting that the sick as well as well might suffer, I have for the present contented myself with reporting the same to Sir leaving it with you to order as you think proper —

I am with Just Esteem

your most Obed Hbb Servt



Major General Gates

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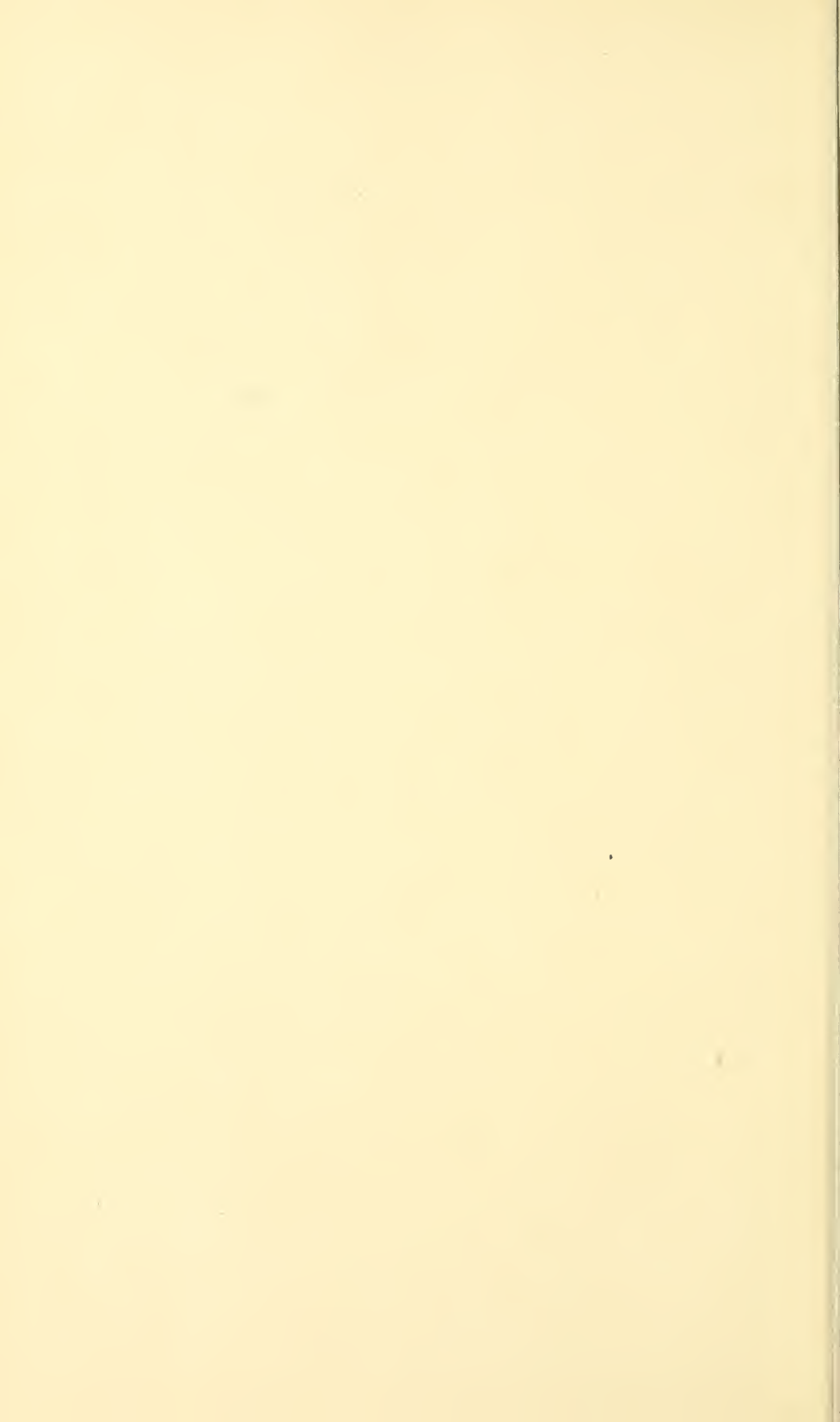
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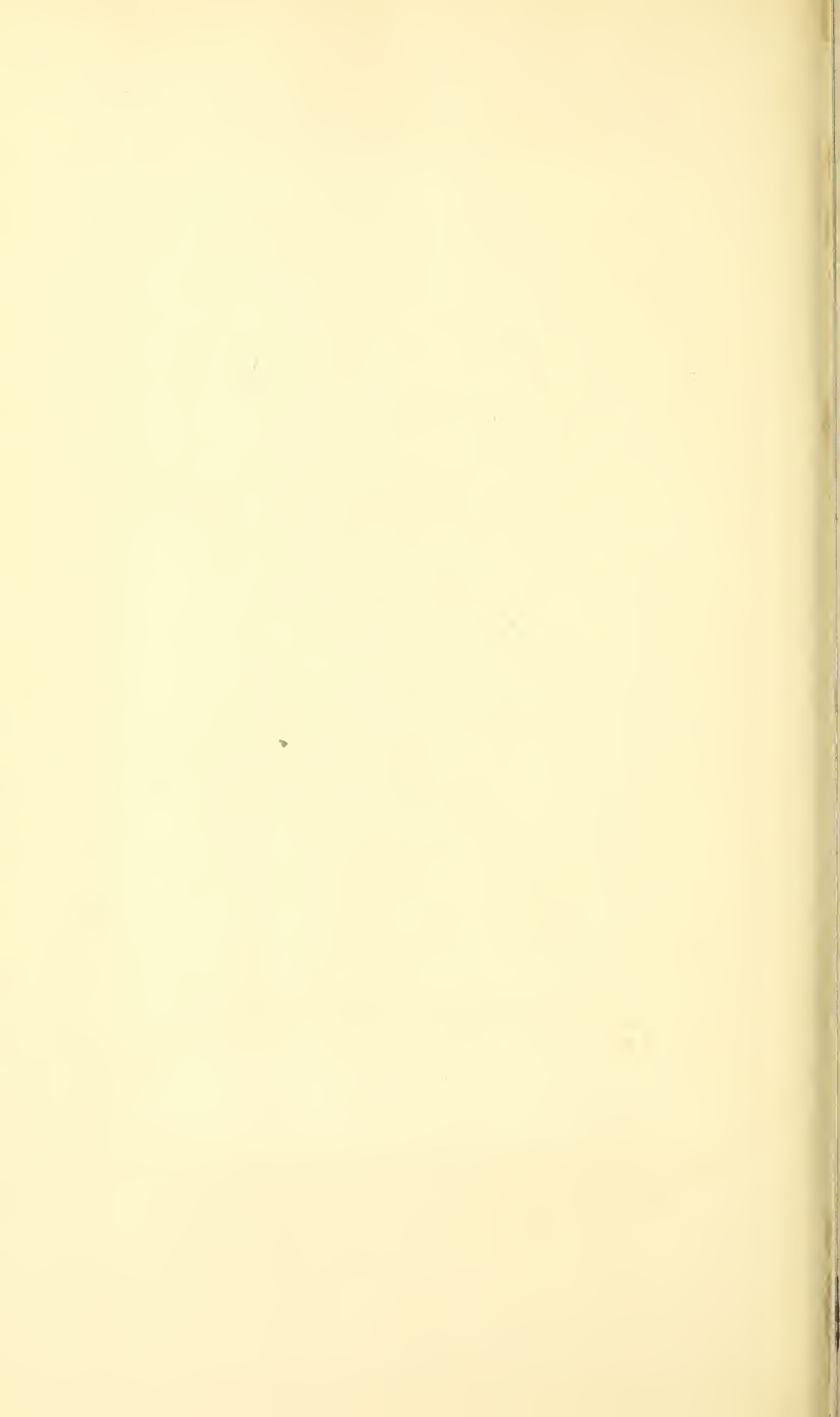














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